patrolling is also being done by the Forest and Police Departments in Delhi. Forest Department of NCT of Delhi has also hired the services of ex-servicemen for this task and Eco Task Force/territorial Army ensures protection against mining in Bhatti mines areas.

Death of birds in Okhla Bird Sanctuary

† 618. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:'

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that more than fifty birds have died just in one day in Okhla Bird Sanctuary in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the water of Yamuna in Delhi has not only become polluted but also has gone poisonous at some places; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA) : (a) No deaths of birds have been reported from Delhi. However, death of fifty three birds in February, 2006 has been reported by Government of Uttar Pradesh from Okhla Bird Sanctuary.

(b) and (c)There is no report regarding poisonous status of water of Yamuna. However, to atackle the water pollution in the river Yamuna, the Ministry has implemented the Yam una Action Plan, Phase-I during 1993-2003. A pollution load of 740.75 Million Litres Per Day (MLD) was tackled in the Phase-I. Phase II of the Yamuna action Plan commenced from December 2004 and aims at minimizing pollution of the river Yamuna along the Delhi and Agra stretches.

New cleaning plan for Yamuna

619. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a new 'clean up' plan for Yamuna; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating, the extent of funds required for the purpose, time required therefor, the stretches of the river proposed to be cleaned, etc.?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) To prevent growing pollution in the river Yamuna, Central Government has started the project of Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) Phase-ll from December 1, 2004. The project has been approved at a cost of Rs. 624 crore and is being implemented in the States of Haryana, UP and Delhi under the JBIC's Overseas Development Assistance loan. The cost of works under YAP Phase-ll project is to be shared between Government of India and State Governments in the ratio of 85:15 *i.e.* Rs. 530 crore Central share and Rs. 94 crore State's share, the cost of works to be executed under YAP-II project in the three States comprises of; Delhi-Rs. 387.17 crore, U.R-Rs. 124.13 crore, Haryana-Rs. 62.50 crore and Miscellaneous (Water Quality Monitoring, Capacity Building, Consultancy etc.)-Rs. 50.20 crores. The main components to be implemented under the project are:

Delhi	-	Sewage Treatment Plants (135 million litres) per day capacity (mid) new and 324 mid capacity rehabilitation
		Rehabilitation/replacement of trunk sewers (30.82 kms)
U.P	-	Sewage Treatment Plants (54 mid capacity new)
		Construction of Sewer Lines/Rising Mains (85.7 kms)
Haryana	-	Interception & Diversion of Sewer Lines (73 kms) and improvement in efficiencies of existing Sewage Treatment Plants.

The YAP-II project is scheduled to be completed in September, 2008.

In addition to the above, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has also taken up sewerage and sewage treatment works along with non-sewerage works on a large scale out of its own plan funds.

Pollution in Ganga River

†620. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the survey conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board, Ganga is the most polluted river in the country;

(b) if so, the factors responsible for it;

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